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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Monday March 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1450 Marina Way South Richmond, CA 94804

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The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Amethod Public Schools will be holding this meeting in person at **1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804**.

Members of the public who wish to attend in person can join us in the Home Office's Board Room at 1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804. Or members of the public may meet via the Zoom meeting platform at:

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Oakland Charter High School- 2365 Coolidge Ave, Oakland, CA 94601

Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606

Oakland Charter Academy- 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601

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**Directors Present**

E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr., P. Hanley

**Directors Absent**

J. Lerma

**Guests Present**

A. Barnes, K. Palmore, M. Arechiga, M. Busby

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

E. Quiroz called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Monday Mar 24, 2025 at 6:05 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Announcements**

No announcements.

**D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

No public comments.

**II. Consent**

**A. Approval of 3/13/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Move the approval of the 3/13/25 regular board meeting minutes to the April Board Meeting.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye  
J. Lerma Absent  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
P. Hanley Aye

**III. Closed Session**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

No reportable action.

**B. Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)**

No reportable action.

**IV. Business**

**A. Review and Consideration of Approval of the 2024-25 Updated Employee Handbook**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve 2024-25 Updated Employee Handbook.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
P. Hanley Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye

**B. Review and Consideration of Approval of the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements**

P. Hanley made a motion to Approve 23-24 Audited Actuals with the caveat that administration work with Christy White on final draft.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye  
P. Hanley Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**C. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Ascend HR Consulting Contract**

Barnes presents to the board the updated contract for Ascend with updated terms.

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve updated Ascend contract with negotiable cap on travel expenses.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

P. Hanley Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**D. Review and Consideration of Approval of Revised List of Authorized Account Signers**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve revised list of authorized account signers.

P. Hanley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

P. Hanley Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Quiroz

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